#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RADIOFREQUENCY SIGNAL RECEIVER WITH CONTROL MEANS FOR THE CHANNELS TO BE CONTROLLED

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the following amendments:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

#### Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A receiver according to claim 1, wherein, after reading the data from the selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read confirmation signal to said channel in order to cancel the interruption caused by this channel and to select the next channel with the highest priority which has transmitted an interruption signal.

#### Please add new claim 7 as follows:

7. (New) A receiver according to claim 2, wherein, after reading the data from the selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read

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confirmation signal to said channel in order to cancel the interruption caused by this channel and to select the next channel with the highest priority which has transmitted an interruption signal.

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#### **REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 3, and to add new dependent claim 7 to recapture the combination lost by the amendment to claim 3, and to avoid a multiple dependent claim fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **APPENDIX**

# **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

#### **IN THE CLAIMS**:

#### Please amend the claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A receiver according to one of claims 1 and 2claim 1, wherein, after reading the data from the selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read confirmation signal to said channel in order to cancel the interruption caused by this channel and to select the next channel with the highest priority which has transmitted an interruption signal.

Please add new claim 7.